

TERRORIST PLOT TO SEIZE LAIFA-BOUND SHIP FOILED

OSIA (AP). — A plan by a September terrorist to hijack an Italian passenger ship bound for Cyprus and Israel was foiled on Tuesday by the Cyprus police, Greek Cypriot agents claimed yesterday.

The papers said the plan was to have been carried out by four men who boarded the Italian Adriatic Line's ship Messapia at Haifa, with Haifa as their base. The ship was to be hijacked as it sailed for Cyprus. The Cyprus police refused to comment on the newspaper claims.

A police statement issued yesterday said: "Following a police raid on a passenger ship at Haifa, four of the passengers, who were planning to hijack the ship, were arrested. The ship was allowed to proceed to Cyprus. The Cyprus police are continuing their search for the four men who fled to Beirut on the ship. The Cyprus police are also searching for the four men who fled to Beirut on the ship. The Cyprus police are also searching for the four men who fled to Beirut on the ship."

The captain said that they had been given two cabins and through-out the trip "were always together and did not speak to anybody." They spoke what the captain took to be Arabic and one of them knew a little English, which he used to talk with the ship's stewardess. They did not mingle with the passengers, and spent their days "looking around, playing shuffleboard, and sometimes listening to a small transistor radio" which one of them "carried glued to his ear," the captain said.

Although they were given landing cards, the four did not go ashore for the usual sightseeing in Haifa. However, when the ship arrived in Famagusta on Tuesday morning, they asked to go ashore for the day. After the Cyprus police refused their permission and searched the ship, the four men announced that they had decided to break off their journey. According to a Cyprus report, they asked to fly to Rome, but since there was no flight there, they left for Beirut. They were escorted from the ship to the Nicotia airport by police.

It is believed that the four hatched

their journey because they realized they had been discovered. Furthermore, they were prevented from getting their arms in Cyprus, if that was their intention, when the police refused to allow them ashore.

When the ship arrived in Haifa yesterday morning, Israeli police took two other round-trip passengers off for questioning, but released them in the afternoon. They held U.S. passports and had Arabic-sounding names: Linda Mahrous, 26, who travelled tourist class, and Joseph Haddad, 40, who was in first class. Both held round-trip tickets, had boarded the ship in Bari and were to spend one day here. They were allowed back on the ship at 3.30 and sailed with her at nine, after it was established that they had no connection with the four suspects.

There have been persistent reports for the last couple of months of terrorist plans to hit at Israel through merchant shipping, specifically passenger ships. The police and security services have tightened security in the port, including posting armed men on the main quay to meet passenger ships, and searching luggage.

Egyptian and Libyan air commanders plan strategy

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Egyptian Air Force Commander, Lt.-Gen. Hosni Mubarak, and his Libyan counterpart, Capt. Salah al-Faraj, met yesterday in Tripoli to map out coordination between their forces and Syria's. Their talks were part of a new anti-Israel "strategic plan" outlined by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Libyan head of state Muammer Gaddafi.

The Egyptian air force chief, summoned from Cairo for the surprise discussion, had earlier conferred with Egyptian and Libyan leaders. Sadat and Gaddafi later discussed bilateral relations, in preparation for the launch of the two countries' new September 1972 pact.

The Egyptian President today flew from Tripoli to Belgrade for talks with Yugoslav President Tito on the Middle East crisis.

Sadat came to the Libyan capital on Monday afternoon to find the Libyan leader confined to his

home by a "sudden illness." Gaddafi's failure to receive Sadat at the airport caused speculation that the Libyan was unhappy that Egypt had not come to Syria's aid during its battles with Israel on Monday.

Yesterday, several Lebanese newspapers criticized Egypt for failing to act on its front in support of Damascus. The criticism came first from the official Syrian organs, but these did not mention Egypt by name.

Egypt's Deputy Premier and Minister of Information, Abdul-Kader Hatem, yesterday replied that President Sadat calculated his moves cautiously.

In an interview with Beirut's "Al-Bayrak" newspaper, Hatem said that "a courageous leader is one who does not let himself be dragged into war prematurely, before success is guaranteed." This explained Sadat's action, he said.

Hatem said that many Germans cheered Hitler when he declared war, but later reviled him "because he miscalculated and lost."

P.L.O. parley closing put off till today

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The closing session of the National Congress of the Palestine Liberation Organization, scheduled for last night, was postponed until today amid signs that the sabotage organizations have been unable to resolve their differences.

One of the main issues discussed at yesterday's sessions was the status of the P.L.O.'s conventional military force, whose high command has dissociated itself from the terrorist movement. The congress had been scheduled last night to elect a new executive to serve under Fatah chief Yasser Arafat.

Maccabi beats Red Star in tight match

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. Israel's basketball champions, Tel Aviv Maccabi last night defeated Red Star of Belgrade, the Yugoslav champions, 118-102, in the first leg of their European Cup quarter-final encounter.

The match was played before a full house of 10,000 spectators, at the Yad Ellyahu Sports Palace here.

A fine scoring streak 10 minutes before the end of the match enabled Maccabi to stretch their lead to 14 points, after trailing earlier 64-66.

In the first five minutes of play Maccabi went into a 17-6 lead, but overgrowing pressure by Red Star evened the score at 50-50. Tel Aviv led 56-54 at the half.

Tel Brody and Steve Chubin were in fine form for Maccabi, while Si-monovic was a deadly marksmen for Red Star. The match was close, played in the second half, until Edin Starman came on for Maccabi. His speed and guile set off Maccabi's scoring streak again, while guest player Ron Dunlop found his touch in the crucial minutes at the end of the game.

U.S. INTELLIGENCE: Soviets just sent Syria 18 Migs

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Soviet Union delivered 18 Mig jet fighters to Syria only weeks before the outbreak of the new Syrian-Israeli air battles, U.S. intelligence sources report.

The fighter planes were delivered last month by three Soviet cargo ships in what is described as the biggest sea shipment of Russian war materiel to Syria in 1972. The planes included 18 Mig-21s, two older Mig-17s and four helicopters.

Altogether, Syria received about 35 Mig-21s from the Soviet Union last year, U.S. military experts say.

The Mig-21 is rated as the best interceptor provided by the Soviet Union to its allies.

(Israel's 430-plane air force is roughly twice as large as the Syrian air force, which numbered about 210 fighters and fighter bombers before the December reinforcements from Russia, U.S. experts say.)

CONSTANT SUPPLY
The Post's Military Correspondent adds:

Qualified Israeli sources said yesterday that there had been no significant increase in Soviet arms shipments to Syria recently. They added that the recent shipments were part of a constant supply of arms Syria has been receiving from the Soviet Union since early September.

The equipment is aimed primarily at improving Syria's air defence system, and includes Sam-2 anti-aircraft missiles, in addition to the Mig, the sources said. There has been no indication that improved Sam-2s — for combat against low-flying aircraft — have been included in the shipments. There has also been no sign of any significant increase in the number of Soviet advisers being sent to Syria.

The sources pointed out, however, that the overall supply of planes since August has bolstered Syria's defence capability. As one senior staff officer put it: "For each Mig we down, (the Syrians) receive several in return."

Syrian claim of 500 killed 'preposterous'

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

The Army spokesman last night termed "preposterous" a UPI report from Damascus quoting Syrian sources as claiming that 500 civilians had been killed in Israeli air raids into Syria on Monday.

There was no mention of the UPI report on the Syrian state radio last night, nor has the report been circulated in any other official communique.

The spokesman noted that during the two days since the attack Syria has been claiming two soldiers killed and eight others wounded. No mention of civilian casualties was made.

The Syrian now claims that as a result of the Israeli raids "500 civilians, including many women and children, were killed." The report continues that the "entire village of Deel was wiped out" and that yesterday "rescue teams were continuing to recover bodies and wounded from the debris of many villages."

SCHOOL SAID STRAFED

According to the Syrians, civilians — mainly children — were also killed in Nawa, where the "Israelis bombed and strafed an elementary school."

Deel and Nawa were attacked on Monday, but the spokesman said last night that the targets were a military camp some distance from Nawa, and two terrorist concentrations near Deel, not far from the Jordanian border.

There is a possibility, however, that some civilians were killed or injured on Monday, since the terrorists usually set up bases close to civilian concentrations, schools and hospitals in the hope that Israel will refrain from attack. This was the case in Lebanon until recently when the local inhabitants refused to allow the terrorists to enter their villages. Since then Lebanese civilians have been wounded or killed in several large-scale Israeli reprisals.

Israel has warned the terrorists repeatedly not to use civilians as a shield, and has stated clearly that this will not act as a deterrent.

ARABS PLAN DEMONSTRATIONS Tension rises in Paris over Meir's visit

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Tension over Prime Minister Golda Meir's visit to France rose sharply yesterday as Arab and Zionist groups and French security forces prepared for her arrival tomorrow to attend a two-day meeting of the Socialist International.

A bomb explosion at the Jewish Agency's offices here on Tuesday, and the death from bomb injuries of Mahmud Hamshari, local representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, came as a violent prelude to Mrs. Meir's visit. Press reports yesterday also described fist fights between pro-Palestinian leftist and Zionist students at the University of Paris. But there were no arrests and no casualties.

President Georges Pompidou's public rebuke of the five Socialist Prime Ministers, including Mrs. Meir, for their planned participation in the conference as an "opportunist intrusion" into French politics has contributed to the general mood of uneasiness. Israeli diplomats have declined to comment on these events. But the French authorities reportedly fear that even if they can prevent serious bloodshed and damage, they will probably have to cope with clashes between Arab and Jewish extremists at public rallies and street demonstrations.

"Le Monde's" Middle East editor, Eric Rouleau, summed up the situation yesterday when he wrote, "Everything seems to indicate that France is no longer the sanctuary of the two camps. Instead, it is part of the battlefield on which the secret Israeli-Palestinian war is being fought."

'No change' in Golda's plans

POST Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Golda Meir is to attend the Socialist International meeting in Paris over the weekend — despite President Pompidou's statement on Tuesday that the arrival of foreign Socialist leaders shortly before the French elections is an interference in France's internal affairs.

The Prime Minister's spokesman told newsmen yesterday there had been "no change" in her plans. The spokesman refused to comment on the French President's statement itself.

It is learned that the Socialist premiers of Sweden, Denmark and Austria will also attend the meeting as planned. The Finnish Premier has cancelled his visit because of President Pompidou's statement.

Officials in Jerusalem said yesterday there had been no contacts and no concerted action between Mrs. Meir and the other Socialist leaders. Each had apparently come to the decision to go or not to go independently.

Nor had Mrs. Meir consulted with Bruno Pitterman, Secretary of the Socialist International, before making up her mind, the officials said.

ning at a cinema in the north of Paris.

The organizations also plan to demonstrate outside the Luxembourg Palace, seat of the French Senate, when the Socialist International meets there on Saturday.

Arab ambassadors accredited here said in a statement: "Zionism has tried to infringe upon French sovereignty." The envoys described Hamshari's death as "an act which the people and the authorities will treat with the contempt it deserves."

Ten Arab student organizations invited all "democrats" to take part in a silent vigil for the P.L.O. representative in the Boulevard Saint-Michel, in the heart of the capital's student quarter yesterday evening.

President Pompidou's blunt criticism of the foreign socialist leaders was attacked yesterday in a front-page editorial by "Le Monde." The newspaper suggested that after publicly abandoning de Gaulle's policy of a four-power solution to the Middle East crisis, Pompidou was now exhibiting his frustration.

Reuter reports that the French Socialist Party yesterday accused President Pompidou of "lying and of discourtesy" in condemning the Socialist International conference. The party's statement denied that the conference was an intrusion into French politics, since it was a regular meeting of the Socialist International organization and its discussions would be held in private.

Amid all the excitement, President Pompidou flies to the Soviet Union today for two days of talks with Kremlin leader Leonid Brezhnev, which are expected to centre on European security problems.

At the same time, the two leaders will review Franco-Soviet economic cooperation, which is due to expand greatly under a 10-year agreement between the two countries.

Official French sources stressed that the talks, which will be held on a country estate near Minsk, are designed to enable Pompidou and Brezhnev to review a wide range of international and bilateral questions — and that no concrete agreements should be expected.

Four hours of Vietnam talks

PARIS (Reuters). — U.S. presidential envoy Henry Kissinger and Hanoi emissary Le Duc Tho yesterday conferred for nearly four hours on the third day of their resumed negotiations for a Vietnam peace settlement — but the atmosphere remained cold.

Mr. Tho, the host at yesterday's session at a French Communist party villa at Gif-sur-Yvette, south of Paris, did not see Dr. Kissinger off after the meeting.

Neutral diplomats here said the trust that developed between Dr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho last autumn had been shattered by the recent U.S. bombing of North Vietnam and the two chief negotiators would have to work hard to recreate an

atmosphere conducive to a settlement.

Since they resumed their discussions here on Monday, the two men have had some 14 hours of talks. But neither side has said how the talks were going.

They are expected to meet again today.

Sources said North Vietnam has shown no inclination thus far to make new concessions following last month's massive bombing of Hanoi and Halphong.

French press reports from Hanoi said officials there were "clearly pessimistic" and were accusing Kissinger of threatening new American bombing raids unless Hanoi abandoned its firm attitude.

Watergate defendant pleads guilty

WASHINGTON (AP). — E. Howard Hunt Jr., a former White House aide who is one of the seven defendants in the Watergate bugging trial, pleaded guilty yesterday to three counts of the conspiracy charges against him.

The prosecutor told the judge the plea was acceptable to his office. Hunt pleaded guilty to conspiracy to intercept telephone conversations at the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee; conspiracy to intercept oral communications through a microphone placed in the headquarters; intercepting telephone conversations from the offices of an official of the Democratic Committee and his secretary.

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THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	48	7-12	7-10
Golan	75	8-10	8-10
Nahariya	78	8-11	8-11
Safed	70	8-11	8-11
Haifa	79	8-11	8-11
Tiberias	54	6-18	10-17
Nazareth	52	6-17	10-17
Afula	44	1-19	8-17
Shomron	42	1-13	7-17
Tel Aviv	53	8-17	10-17
Lod	46	8-19	8-17
Jericho	41	8-19	7-17
Gaza	80	8-19	10-17
Beer Sheva	33	8-16	8-18
Elil	35	7-20	9-19
Tiran	39	14-21	14-20

Social and Personal

Don Bostwick, Deputy President of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, called on the President of the Manufacturers Association, Mark Moscovici, and was the guest of Dr. Abraham Neuman, General Manager of the Industrial Bank at a luncheon which was also attended by Dr. Zvi Dinstein, Deputy Finance Minister. Mr. Bostwick is here on a five-day visit at the invitation of the Manufacturers Association.

Prof. Torngy Segerstedt, Rector of the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and Mrs. Segerstedt yesterday visited the Hebrew University where they met the Rector, Prof. Michael Rabin.

Weidenfeld and Nicolson last night gave a reception in Jerusalem to mark the appearance of two books by Hebrew University Prof. Yehoshua Prawer: "The Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem," and "The World of the Crusaders."

The Rector of the Hebrew University, Professor Michael Rabin, will speak on "Computers and Society" (in Hebrew) at a meeting of the Jerusalem Branch of the Israel Association of University Women, at the home of Mrs. M. Devor, 18 Hatayasim, on Sunday, January 14, at 8.15 p.m. New members welcome.

The Tel Aviv Rotary Club at its weekly meeting will be host to Mr. Ya'acov Tamir, Commissioner of Income Tax and Property Tax, at 1.15 p.m. at Z.O.A. House.

DEPARTURES

Jack Jones, Secretary-General of the British Transport Union, left for a 10-day visit as guest of the Histadrut (by El Al).

Mr. Josef Kiarman, head of Youth Aliyah and member of a meeting of the Executive, to France on Youth Aliyah affairs (by El Al).

Bernard Chertick, Vice-President of the Hebrew University, left for a mission for the University and the U.S.A.

A FEW DOZEN persons demonstrated against the American bombing in Vietnam and Israel's relations with South Vietnam in Beit Hakranot Square in Haifa last night. The demonstration was organized by the "Committee of Solidarity with Vietnam."

Former prisoner in Egypt writes of experiences

TEL AVIV. — An Israeli soldier who spent almost a year as a prisoner of the Egyptians has written a book about his experiences which describes his interrogators' cruelty, but also the kindness of some of his Egyptian captors.

Yair Dori said he wrote the book "to impress upon people in Israel not to forget their prisoners."

"The Story of an Israeli Paratrooper in Egyptian Captivity," written in collaboration with journalist Aharon Dolav and published by Boostan Press, contains numerous photographs taken during Mr. Dori's period of captivity in 1970-71, the height of the war of attrition.

He writes that while his investi-

Eban expects Nixon to reconfirm policy towards Israel

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Foreign Minister Abba Eban last night said he expected that the second Nixon Administration will reconfirm its existing policy towards Israel.

Mr. Eban was answering questions phoned in by members of the public to the Labour Party head offices here as part of a regular Labour Party information feature.

Asked what he expected from Premier Meir's visit to Washington, Mr. Eban said: "It will be of great value if we will arrive at a new crystallization of U.S. policy lines towards Israel."

The Foreign Minister noted that "from the few contacts already established in Washington by my colleagues (an apparent reference to the visits there of Messrs. Dayan and Allon) and President Shazar's meeting with President Nixon it can be assumed that there will be a confirmation of the existing policy."

He discounted widespread speculation in various parts of the world that such a policy change was now to be expected.

JORDAN ACCORD

Asked whether, in view of the weakness of the Sadat regime, a separate agreement could be made first with Jordan, Mr. Eban said: "We did not determine the doctrine of Egypt first."

He noted that many people believed it would be difficult for King Hussein to plot a negotiated settlement and to lead the way in the necessary territorial compromises that would involve."

Moreover, Hussein was not sufficiently a decisive figure in the Arab world, which "in American terms means that policy is not decided in Rhodes Island but in Washington."

Asked whether Hussein's impending visit to the U.S. might not undermine Israel's diplomatic efforts, the Foreign Minister remarked: "He does cast a moderate image."

Shazar lauds Druse role

President Shazar declared that the Druse community "has consistently made valuable contributions to the development of the country and the strengthening of its defence."

Greeting heads of the Druse at a reception in his residence in honour of Id el-Adha, Mr. Shazar said "It is the good fortune of all of us that so sincere a partnership exists" between Jews and Druse.

He angrily censured the Jewish Defence League for the letters it sent to Druse Israelis suggesting they emigrate from the country. He called the J.D.L. act "disgraceful."

gators often were cruel, some medical officers showed a humanitarian attitude. Despite the Suez Canal war, the jailers' behaviour gradually grew better, he writes.

Mr. Dori, 25, was born in Argentina and came here after the Six Day War. He was wounded and captured by Egyptian commandos, and almost lost his eyesight due to his injuries. He was saved by an operation in Sheba Hospital after his release.

A BANKING SERVICE centre for tourists and foreign residents has been opened by Bank Leumi Ltd., in 33 Rehov Lilienblum in Tel Aviv. It says it can provide every conceivable banking service for foreigners, in any language.

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He talks of peace but is not very compromising on border issues.

He was asked about the "Ha'aretz" report of a Foreign Ministry memorandum drawn up by Assistant Director-General Moshe Sasson on Hussein's supposed amenability. While not answering the question whether this sort of report might not play into Hussein's hands, Mr. Eban termed the story as "highly exaggerated and blown up out of all proportion."

His noted: "It is the duty of the Foreign Ministry to draft policy evaluations and I distribute 30 to 40 such documents every year to my colleagues in the Cabinet. I do think Mr. Sasson shows considerable perception in his appraisals, and in this case too, for he did highlight Hussein's uncompromising stand on Jerusalem." He added jocularly: "It was not planned that Ha'aretz should publish it, you know."

Secret memo

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

The Foreign Ministry has recently circulated to Cabinet members a report prepared by its Arab affairs experts pointing to changes in King Hussein's policies and positions vis-a-vis Israel. The report asserts that the King, while prepared to relinquish direct control of the Jewish and Armenian Quarters of Jerusalem, would not be prepared to surrender Jordanian sovereignty over the whole city. His Moslem principles would not allow him to do so, the report states.

On the rest of the West Bank, however, the report detects a certain softening in the King's position: he would apparently be prepared to countenance Israeli military outposts in territory which Israel would vacate. He has not indicated how many such outposts, where they would be situated, or for how long they would be countenanced, the report says. He apparently visualizes a timetable under which the outposts would gradually be withdrawn over a period of years.

The Foreign Ministry report, which was drawn up by Deputy Director-General Moshe Sasson, purports to be based on "published and unpublished material" available to the Ministry. It asserts that a difference of opinion has arisen between Hussein and members of his family — including his mother and his brother — over Jordan's relationship to the Palestinians and the West Bank.

Weizman split with Begin seen as final

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The rift between Herut Chairman Menachem Begin and Ezer Weizman appeared to be irreparable last night. The veteran party leadership has already set its machinery in motion to ensure an overwhelming majority for Mr. Begin at Sunday's crucial Central Committee meeting, when he will present his new Executive.

The Begin supporters are contacting each of the 300-odd members of the Central Committee to ensure their fidelity to the party chairman.

This campaign, with apparently provide a severe test for some leading members of the Weizman faction, especially party treasurer and Tel Aviv branch chief Yosef Kremerman M.K.

It was he who originally induced Mr. Weizman to join Herut, engineered his entry into politics and into the Cabinet. Mr. Kremerman is now faced with the dilemma of having to choose between his protégé and his old I.Z.L. commander.

expecting immediate results. We must also take into account the low pay and status of the medium and lower echelon officials with whom the public has contacts."

He noted that contacts with officialdom in Israel resulted in a measure of alienation and bitterness. There is even some despair. "There are shortcomings in many fields," Mr. Avner noted.

In reply to questions, Mr. Avner said that his department received complaints either by mail, or orally in the branch offices where the complainant must sign them after an official has put it in writing.

Telephone complaints could not be accepted, as they would inevitably lead to frivolity.

The Rabbinate and religious councils fell within his jurisdiction, he told one questioner. Only the legal

aspects of rabbinical court judgments were outside his province, though complaints on administrative aspects or delays were admissible. He told another questioner that the bus cooperatives and sick funds were outside his jurisdiction, although they receive massive government subsidies. Should they eventually be included "we shall need a much greater staff to deal with them."

Finally, he told the reporter that no Haifa citizen had lodged a complaint that the recent alleged distribution by the Shikun Ovdim of six flats to relatives of Labour Party chiefs had adversely affected their own chance to get cheap housing. "But I could not have had dealt with them, anyway. The company is a Histadrut concern, outside my jurisdiction."

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Zeev Dopfer, Tanva manager in Rehovot, is sandak of David Ohayon, one of three boys born in a set of quadruplets and circumcised yesterday. The father, Mordechai Ohayon (right), gave the honour to Mr. Dopfer in gratitude for the free milk and baby food Tanva gave the quads.

Brit Mila for Ohayon quads

RAMLE. — Ramle witnessed a unique brit mila ceremony yesterday when three boys born in a set of quadruplets were circumcised in two separate sessions.

The boys were born to Mrs. Sol Ohayon in November, but their circumcision was delayed beyond the customary eight days because they were in incubators. The fourth quad, a girl, is doing well.

Two boys were circumcised in the morning at the absorption centre where the family, now numbering 13 members, has been living since the birth. The third child had his brit mila in a large hall in the town. The sandak was Mr. Zeev Dopfer, of Tanva.

The sandak in the first ceremony was Ramle Mayor Aharon Abu Hakeira, and the guests included doctors who delivered the quads, city officials and hundreds of Ramle citizens.

The Demography Division announced it would give the family an allocation to hire a nurse for the coming months. (Him)

SMOG SLOWS DOWN TEL AVIV TRAFFIC

By SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Early morning traffic near the Yarkon River as well as in some sections of Ramat Gan and Bnei Brak moved at a snail's pace yesterday because of the heavy smog which lingered over the area for the seventh day. The main

reason for the smog is a fire smouldering in a Petah Tikva refuse dump.

Yesterday's smog was heavier — so much so that it limited visibility for drivers. Residents of the area complained of breathing difficulties as well as of burning sensations in the eyes. Some areas around Petah Tikva were also plagued by unpleasant odours.

The flames in the dump were doused by firemen on Friday but were apparently rekindled by some chemical material in the refuse. The flames themselves pose no danger and the firemen say that the dump must be covered with earth to smother them.

The air pollution problem is seen largely as a fresh effect of the recent night frost. Normally, a fire like the one in Petah Tikva would not create such smog, but the unusually cold weather keeps the fumes hanging low over the city. These rise only when the sun heats the air sufficiently.

In addition, there is an east wind which keeps blowing the smog into the Dan Region, while there are also cold fronts, the smoke from the Reading Four electrical power station, and improperly maintained home heating devices.

Israel TV viewers stupid, says director of TV

TEL AVIV. — Israeli television viewers watch the box for two or three hours a day, and this is "virtually stupid, or stupefying," Television Director Yeshayahu Tadmor said yesterday.

Speaking to the Israel Public Relations Union, Mr. Tadmor chided viewers for failing to choose among programmes, and instead preferring to "spend an evening of television, which from our point of view, is intolerable."

He said that every evening people telephoned him complaining about the programmes they were watching. "I tell them to switch off their set if they don't like the programme," he said. "But the

same man will not go out of the house at night. He has said a lot for his set and annual licences. "Thus it is not surprising that he is full of complaints. There is no possibility to satisfy all the population, and this creates tension between television and the public, and the pressures are various and polarized."

He strongly rejected the claim that TV technicians were of low standard, saying "the professional aptitude of TV employees in this country is high, and the programmes produced in Israel are no worse than those of more developed countries."

Mr. Tadmor disclosed that there was no chance of opening a second channel, because the cost, IL200m., was too high.

However, he said TV next season would screen shows in easy Hebrew for new immigrants, including advice on solving absorption problems.

Alignment tops textile union vote

TEL AVIV. — In the first elections in the Textile Workers' union on Tuesday, the Alignment faction won 59.67 per cent of the 18,300 voters. Gahal followed with 23.35 per cent, trailed by the religious bloc 10.09 per cent, the Independent Liberals: 2.89 per cent, Rakah 2.07 per cent and Maki 1.98 per cent.

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Haifa port normal, Ashdod paralysed

Jerusalem Post Staff

Work was back to normal in Haifa port yesterday, but Ashdod port was nearly paralysed by a machine-shop workers' go-slow. A machine-shop workers' go-slow, a new crisis was reached at the same time, in the Seamen's Union dispute, with the ratings division issuing a warning of a general strike.

Haifa port had its first full day's work since last Wednesday, with 76 gangs of workers moving thousands of tons of cargo, including 250,000 cases of citrus fruit. The men, eager to recoup the premiums they lost during the go-slow, worked at top speed.

Productivity at Ashdod port, however, has fallen by 60 per cent. If the 130 workshop employees continue their wildcat go-slow strike, the port might grind to a halt in a few days, a port official told The Jerusalem Post last night. He explained that 102 out of 153 forklifts and 12 out of 18 cranes are not operational. Port officials claim the

workers have come up with a long list of old demands.

These sanctions have caused tension among different working sectors at the port, especially between the machine-shop workers and the stevedores. The latter are anxious to return to normal work and earn bonuses for loading citrus.

A large number of seasonal workers also fear they will be fired if the dispute is not settled soon. No talks were held between management and workers yesterday.

The situation in the recently agreed Seamen's Union reached a crisis yesterday, when the ratings division warned they would call a general strike if the Histadrut recognized the officers' divisions as a separate union.

The officers, who held a day-long warning strike to back their demand at the beginning of the month, have already filed a fortnight's notice of their intention to call a strike on January 17, if they do not receive Histadrut recognition by then.

No 'real' rain for 36 hours

Jerusalem Post Staff

Skies clouded and there were scattered showers in some parts of the country, but the weatherman yesterday predicted no real rainfall for at least another 36 hours.

The Agriculture Ministry said the threat of a drought loomed. This could add further to the crop damage inflicted by the frost.

The Finance Ministry allocated IL5m. to the Nature Damages Fund for advance payments to farmers hit by the frost. The Agriculture Ministry announced 50,000 tons of frost-ridden citrus which could not even be used for industry, were being sold to cattle breeders at IL20 a ton.

Experts throughout the country were ordered to instruct breeders on how to process the citrus into cattle food in place of fodder, whose price is expected to rise this year.

MAN KILLED ON ROAD

ASHKELOON. — Yaakov Tueg, 23, of Ashkelon was killed yesterday when the tender in which he was riding collided with a truck at the Nir Am junction in the Western Negev.

Two passengers sitting with Tueg in the back of the tender were injured. Both drivers were detained. Itim said the accident was apparently caused by speeding, and the failure of one of the drivers to obey a stop sign. (Him)

Borussia blanks Haifa Hapoel 3:0

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The German First Division team Borussia Munchen-Gladbach yesterday beat Haifa Hapoel 3:0 in a sparkling display of football before 6,000 spectators at the Kiryat Haim stadium.

This was the German team's second match in less than 24 hours, but it showed little signs of tiredness.

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Terrorists mugged in some drugs, Hillel says

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said today that the police knew of the cases in which the terror organizations smuggled drugs into Israel.

Hillel told Meir Avishakar (Zionist) that he had set up a committee to study the problem of drug traffic and its effect on the country. The committee will also study the spread of narcotics in the country.

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Members of the First Knesset spent an evening of reminiscences last night with the approach of the House's 24th birthday. Seated from left: N.E.P. M.K. Mrs. Tova Meir, former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Knesset Speaker Yosef Serlin.

Birthday week for Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Some 60 former Knesset Members belonging to the First Knesset which convened 24 years ago and many of the Knesset correspondents and staff who worked with them met yesterday in the Knesset for an evening of reminiscences.

The event launched a week of the House's annual birthday celebrations, which will climax next Tuesday with a reception for 1,500 guests. It will be the 24th birthday of the Knesset, which was founded on January 11, 1954.

The Knesset Speaker will receive delegations of schoolchildren, new immigrants and soldiers, while delegations of Knesset Members will visit immigrant areas, development townships, Army hospitals and convalescent homes.

A special delegation will greet new immigrants landing at Lod Airport.

Next Wednesday, there will be an event with an undercurrent of women's lib when 25 senior women's army corps officers will meet, at their insistence, with women Knesset Members only. (There are eight women M.K.s.) The officers have stipulated that women journalists only should cover the dialogue.

This year the traditional Tu B'Shvat planting ceremonies will not be held, since the Jewish year 5738 is a shemitta year, when agricultural work is curtailed.

The customary big reception will be the first for four years. The event had been cancelled three years running as being too extravagant and costly. The Knesset, however, decided to hold the reception this year to mark the State's 24th and the Knesset's 24th birthday.

Speaker Yosef Serlin, who

- A standard booklet for schools, about the Knesset, would shortly be published.
- A dictionary of parliamentary terms, edited by Prof. Yitzhak Klinghoffer (Gahal), was now being compiled.
- More money was being invested this year on better security systems at the House.
- An internal controller for Knesset administration, and an Adviser on Legislation would be appointed for the first time.

Council meeting of Rabbinate is cancelled

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The fortnightly meeting of the Chief Rabbinate Council, scheduled for yesterday, was called off at the last moment after Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef called Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and the 10 Council members asking for a postponement.

Rabbi Yosef suggested that, in the light of the strained relations between himself and Rabbi Goren, it would be best to postpone the meeting. No date has been set for the next Council session.

Relations between the two Chief Rabbis soured after Rabbi Yosef publicly attacked Rabbi Goren last Thursday for running the Rabbinate by "dictatorial" methods. The Chief Rabbinate Council subsequently wrote to Rabbi Yosef expressing its "shock" at his statement and asserting that the Council was run democratically.

Family against, but Arab and Jew will wed

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — They have both been expelled from their families, but none the less, a young Arab and a woman immigrant from Georgia intend to get married as soon as the Arab is converted to Judaism.

The Arab is 25 and the woman 35, and they met while working in a factory in the North. Efforts by the families, then the couple's employer and a rabbi to separate them were unsuccessful. The families then expelled them both.

The Arab is expected to complete his conversion next month.

Zionist youth to work with Diaspora Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Zionist Executive decided yesterday to set up a young leadership bureau to organize Zionist cells among Jews aged 25-40 in the Diaspora.

The bureau is to be headed by Uzi Baram and will be attached directly to the office of Executive chairman Arye Pincus. The cells will engage in social and ideological activities and may create direct contacts with specific development towns or settlements.

The creation of the bureau is a response to the problem of assimilation in the Diaspora. The cells will be autonomous. They will be free to establish positions of their own on various issues and to attempt to bring their influence to bear on the local Zionist federations.

Printers Union marks 75th anniversary

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Approximately 700 printing workers gathered in Jerusalem's Mitchell Auditorium on Tuesday night to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Printers Union.

The main speaker was John Bonfield, president of the 750,000-member International Graphical Federation. He said printing workers throughout the world respected the Israeli Printers Union for its accomplishments in raising the living standards of its members.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon brought the Histadrut's greetings and hailed the union for its pioneering work in establishing the cooperative movement in this country. He also said, "Although your union is just one of the many workers' groups in the Histadrut we look at you in a special way. After all, your 'product' is special too, for the printed word appeals to the highest element in man — his mind."

One of the honoured guests on the dais was Mrs. Rachel Yanait Ben-Zvi, wife of the late President. She and Mr. Ben-Zvi were active in the Printers Union for many years.

K. Shmona to get new Council chief, Labour man resigns

KIRYAT SEMONA. — The Local Council chairman, A. Aloni (Alignment), has resigned in line with the recommendations of a committee appointed by the Labour Party secretary, Aharon Yadin. His resignation was approved at a short meeting of the Council. He announced that he would remain a member of the Labour Party, of the Local Council and of the local Labour Council.

His Mapam deputy, Meir Nidri, will serve as acting Council chairman until a new chairman is elected by the Council.

PELED ON FLATS FOR NEWCOMERS

'Built-in shortage' of 3,000 apartments

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Absorption Minister Nathan Peled told the Knesset Labour Committee yesterday that there would be a shortage of 3,000 apartments for immigrants during the first three months of 1978.

The 1977/78 budget also contained a built-in shortage of 3,000 flats, 18,000 instead of a minimum of 21,000, he said.

The Ministry was working on a forecast of 60,000 immigrants expected to arrive in 1978, Mr. Peled said.

On Tuesday, Yohanan Peled, Director of the Housing Ministry's Population Dispersal Department, told a conference of Jewish Agency emissaries in Tel Aviv that the housing shortage for new immigrants should ease by June. He said the "housing solution" will be provided in 1978 of which 18,000 will be flats built by the Ministry.

Deputy Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen told the Committee that immigrants who were directed to rented flats would not prejudice their rights for permanent housing in any way.

The flats would generally be made available to immigrants who had jobs in their vicinity, he said.

In the plenum, Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein presented an amendment to the Income Tax Law granting landlords full tax exemption on rents from immigrants directed to them — if the monthly rental did not exceed IL500 and the flat did not exceed three and a half rooms.

The tax exemption would run till March 31 1975, Dr. Dinstein explained. The flat, which had to be empty after November 1, 1973, would have to be leased for 12 months at least.

In the debate, which was not concluded, speakers criticized the proposal as too little and too late.

Gahal's Simcha Erlich said that if the Government refused to raise the ceiling from IL500 to IL700 tax-free, the fair compromise was to make the first IL500 of any rental figure tax-free for the landlord.

Shikun Ovdim denies selling immigrant flats

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Shikun Ovdim yesterday denied a report in "Ha'aretz" claiming that apartments it built in the Yehud Eilat quarter for immigrants were sold on the open market.

A spokesman for the building company which is headed by Avraham Ofer, M.K., said that a block of 280 flats had been built, and that the Housing Ministry had taken an "option" on 140 of them. However, the Ministry picked up the option only on 80 of these apartments, 40 in 1968 and another 40 in 1969.

One of the reasons the option was dropped, the spokesman said, was that the apartments were of four rooms, which were considered too large for newly-married couples.

It was noted that the Ministry also failed to pick up all its options at French Hill and Danya, both in Jerusalem.

J'lem aids needy in home repairs

About IL250,000 have been spent since last April by the Jerusalem Municipality and the Prazot Company for renovation work in the homes of welfare recipients.

The money has been granted through a fund administered by the Municipality's Family and Community Services Division to needy families who cannot buy new apartments. The work is carried out by the Prazot Company.

The fund committee, headed by Mrs. D. Elman, a volunteer, acts on recommendations of the Municipal social workers. Since the fund was established, 150 families have received such assistance, costing IL500,000.

Peres: Special security steps taken at Lod

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Transport Minister Shimon Peres yesterday told the Knesset that special security arrangements had been made at Lod and abroad after the airport massacre last May.

Not all of these arrangements could be made public, he added. The Minister was replying in the Knesset to a motion for the agenda from Shmuel Tamir (Free Centre) about the lessons of the Lod affair.

Mr. Tamir demanded that the terror attacks at Lod, Munich and Bangkok all be investigated by an independent committee of inquiry. His motion was voted down by 25 against 12.

Mr. Peres praised the U.S. government for heading the world campaign against terror in the air and hijacking.

He said that the U.S. and other responsible governments were trying to seek some solution to the hijacking problem outside of the United Nations by organizing themselves specifically for that purpose.

The Minister said that the proper way to combat hijackers was not only to impose sanctions on their countries of origin, but also to impose sanctions on countries which refused to cooperate in measures against the countries which aided the terrorists.

If Libya, for instance, were put under sanctions because it was a jumping-off point for hijackers, all airlines continuing to serve Libya after that ban would face the same sanctions, the Minister proposed.

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More tax deductions for South

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Members of the Finance Committee yesterday decided that the income tax deductions raised by the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

It will get IL700 instead of present IL400; residents of Be'er Sheva will get IL750 instead of IL600; residents of Haifa will get IL600 instead of IL400. The retroactive date is 1, 1972.

The decision is prompted by the need to stop the drift of population, especially young people, away from these three towns and also to give new manpower for development projects.

Bid to sabotage Gaza-T.A. railway

Jerusalem Post Reporter
An attempt to sabotage the Gaza-Tel Aviv railway line was made in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Security forces discovered the had been loosened in four places outside the Tufah station, a of Gaza. The bolts were heated in time for the train to arrive on schedule. The saboteurs are being sought.

Bar-Ilan to set up accounting unit

RAMAT GAN. — Bar-Ilan University decided yesterday to establish an institute of accounting that will do research on the subject and bring professionals to academic status. It will form part of the Economics Department.

The department head, Prof. Yehuda Don, said the institute would hold seminars on problems of accounting and would forge links with similar colleges abroad to help Israeli accountants pick up the latest foreign advances in the field. The institute also will study the effect of Israel's changing economy on accounting practices here. (Hm)

A WIRE SPRING in a package of margarine and fly pupae in bottles of milk yesterday brought Tanya Dairies a IL2,500 fine in Tel Aviv Magistrates' Court.

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Postal men end their slowdown

By AARON SITTNER
Postal, telegraph and telex services are expected to return to normal this morning following the decision by 6,000 Communications Ministry workers yesterday to call off their go-slow.

Yesterday morning the workers decided to return to normal work after a meeting in the office of Communications Minister Shimon Peres. It was agreed that the Minister and the Civil Service Commissioner resume negotiations with the workers within 10 days.

The two-day "work-to-the-rule" action, including refusal to do substitute or overtime work, has resulted in the pile up of tens of thousands of letters and parcels in post offices throughout the country. Telegram windows were unmanned at Tel Aviv's main post office on Tuesday night, and no messages were accepted by phone — dial number 17.

The workers said they were protesting the Ministry's "foot dragging" on their demand for an additional IL100. A Ministry spokesman explained to The Post last night that according to the general work agreement signed several weeks ago workers are permitted to make supplementary demands.

In view of the mobility entailed in their work the letter carriers have asked for the supplement. Soon other postal workers joined in the demand, and the issue now is a flat IL100-per-month "postal services increment."

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China's growing power may endanger Salt talks

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Sen. Stuart Symington said on Tuesday that China's emergence as a super-power might endanger the U.S.-U.S.S.R. talks on strategic arms limitations.

The Missouri Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee was speaking of information given by Richard Helms, director of the CIA, in a briefing to Congress which was closed to the press.

"I was shocked to find out how close another power is to becoming a super-power, particularly in the field of missiles. This to me reduces the practical effects of the Salt talks," Symington said. He was referring, to China, he said later.

West to press Soviets at Helsinki talks

BRUSSELS (UPI). — The Western allies, emboldened by their progress so far, plan to press the Soviet Union for concessions when talks on European security resume in Helsinki next Monday, U.S. sources said yesterday.

The sources said the NATO allies

I.R.A. guerrillas catch 'Lollipop' girl spies

BELFAST.—Irish Republican guerrillas yesterday claimed to have caught two "lollipop spies"—young teenage girls alleged to have reported to the British Army on the movements of wanted men in a Catholic area of Belfast.

Also yesterday, a bomb explosion ripped a downtown office building here, in the first such incident in 1973. There were no casualties, police said.

Earlier, army experts defused another bomb in an oil storage depot a short distance away.

Police yesterday arrested four young Protestants and charged them with the murder last July of a 14-year-old mentally retarded Catholic boy, shot in his bed at home while the gunmen held down his mother.

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Members of the New Orleans police department escort the casket of Patrolman Paul Persigo, killed in the New Orleans sniper incident yesterday. Earlier, New Orleans Mayor Moon Landrieu ordered the city to observe Tuesday as "a period of mourning for the heroic police officers and civilians who died." (AP radiophoto)

Louisiana sniper was embittered black militant

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana. — Mark James Essex, 23, who grew up on the plains of Kansas, had become an embittered black militant when police bullets ended his sniping spree Sunday on the roof of a hotel, friends said yesterday.

"He told me he was through, Christianity was white man's religion," said the Rev. W.A. Chambers, Essex's hometown pastor at the St. James Baptist Church in Emporia, Kansas.

"He had turned militant and he had a very severe hatred for white people. Something probably happened in the navy to cause it."

Police this week traced Essex's journey from his navy discharge February 10, 1971, because of "character and behavior disorders," to a short period in Emporia and finally his move to New Orleans last summer.

It was the story of a young man gradually growing embittered, and it ended Sunday when Essex dashed across the roof of the downtown Howard Johnson Hotel, holding his rifle in a firing position, and was cut down by machineguns fired from a marine helicopter.

Ballistics tests linked the .44 magnum rifle, found next to Essex's body, to two attacks on police on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in which a police cadet was killed and two officers wounded.

Essex was driving a stolen car, for which a police alert had been issued, when he reached the hotel minutes before the orgy of arson and shooting broke out, police said.

But they still did not know whether he was accompanied in the rooftop shooting by one or perhaps two other snipers.

Police superintendent Clarence Glarusso admitted it might take several weeks before he had the answers to some questions about the 28-hour siege at the hotel — and others might never be answered.

Jewish activist leaves Moscow for Israel

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Victor Perelman, a journalist who became an active campaigner for the right of Jews to emigrate, left here by air yesterday to settle in Israel with his wife and nine-year-old daughter.

Mr. Perelman, 43, was dismissed from the writers' union weekly, "Literaturnaya Gazeta," after applying to emigrate. He was later told he would have to pay the state 17,000 roubles before leaving to compensate for his state-financed education. The tax demand was waived in December after Mr. Perelman told foreign correspondents he would reject the offer of a visa if he had to pay the tax.

U.S. Senator Hubert Humphrey, who was visiting Russia last month, telephoned Mr. Perelman and told him he had discussed the emigration issue during meetings here with Soviet officials.

Peking welcomes Zaire President

PEKING (Reuters). — President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire arrived here yesterday to a warm welcome from Chinese leaders and the press at the start of a state visit. Chinese Premier Chou En-lai headed the official airport welcoming party.

President Seko's visit comes about six weeks after Zaire and China resumed diplomatic ties, and observers here saw it as further evidence of Peking's keenness to promote relations with third-world countries.



This is a five-year-old photograph of Mark James Essex, identified as the—or one of the—New Orleans snipers. (AP radiophoto)

The shooting left a toll of seven dead and 21 wounded.

If Essex was not alone, did his companions escape early in the siege? If they stayed on the roof during the long night of gunfire, how did they slip through a noose drawn tight by more than 200 policemen who searched the building?

The police superintendent said there was some evidence of a conspiracy involving a small number of people — two, three or four — "with the intent to kill people." But he declined to link Essex with any black militant or revolutionary group.

Residents at an apartment house in a suburb across the Mississippi River from New Orleans, where Essex had lived for the past six months, said he often referred to whites as "devils" and said: "I hate the devils."

A hotel guest said he saw Essex talking to a black maid during the early part of the shooting spree. He said Essex told the maid he was only going to kill whites, and shouted, "The revolution is here."

One wounded guest, Robert Benish, interviewed from his hospital bed, gave a description of the man who shot him as he stood by the hotel's eighth-storey swimming pool which differed from that of Essex.

But police inclined to attribute discrepancies to the confusion of the moment.

Benish said he approached the pool and saw a man crouched in the shrubbery taking careful aim. "He sure intended to kill me," Benish said. He fell into the pool and "played dead" for about three hours until police rescued him.

U.S. senator calls for death penalty in police killings

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — A bill to make the murder of law enforcement officials and firemen punishable by death was introduced in the U.S. Senate on Tuesday by Sen. James Eastland, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. It would also authorize rewards of up to \$50,000 for information concerning the killing of policemen.

Zambia denounces Rhodesia for closing borders

LUSAKA. — President Kenneth Kaunda yesterday denounced Rhodesia and South Africa as a "den of iniquity and mass exploitation," and said Zambia must be prepared to defend its borders against the acts of desperate men.

The President's remarks, made at the opening of Parliament, came a day after Rhodesia sealed its borders with Zambia, its northern neighbour. The ceremonial of the parliamentary opening was overshadowed by the Rhodesian action, which will have an immediate effect on an estimated 50 per cent of Zambia's imports which until now have passed through Rhodesia.

The border closure, however, does not affect the export of Zambia's copper through Rhodesia on the railway that runs to Mozambique, on the East African coast.

The Rhodesian Government said Tuesday the blockade would continue until assurances were received that guerrillas would not be permitted to operate against Rhodesia from Zambian territory.

But Dr. Kaunda told Parliament yesterday that Zambia would continue to support African liberation movements, adding that the liberation of Southern Africa must be regarded as "an unfinished task in the history of decolonization."

A major blow will be the blocking of imports from South Africa, Zambia's largest supplier after Britain. South African Railways yesterday stopped accepting goods consigned to Zambia following the

Rhodesian announcement. The decision of the railways could also mean a loss of 60 million rande (\$76.8m.) to South African exporters if the said Zambia must be prepared to defend its borders against the acts of desperate men.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman yesterday said Britain regretted Rhodesia's action which was liable to "increase tensions and hardships in the area." But, he added, "We have consistently condemned the use of violence for political ends," in a reference to the activities of African guerrillas, which the Salisbury Government said had precipitated its frontier closure.

A stiffer reaction came yesterday in Dar-es-Salaam, where official sources said Tanzania was anxious to find ways to help Zambia. Tanzania regards the closure as a most drastic in a series of Rhodesian measures to apply pressure on Zambia, the sources added.

In Salisbury, the Rhodesian Government was reported to be cautiously optimistic that its decision to close the borders will force President Kaunda to close down the permanent terrorist training camps said to be situated close to the Zambezi River border between the two countries.

In his address to Parliament, President Kaunda also announced that Zambia had decided to normalize relations with East Germany. (Reuters, UPI, AP) (See Rhodesia P. 8)

Four charged in e-Tel murder to leave Egypt

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt will permit four self-confessed Black September terrorists, awaiting trial for the assassination of Jordanian Premier Wasfi, to leave Egypt.

The announcement followed a newspaper report that the four would go to a terrorist base in another Arab country.

A prosecution counsellor said, "The court ordered their release on bail, but did not stipulate they should remain in Egypt." He added, however, that the prosecution was still investigating the case and should a fifth suspect be arrested, the four would be requested to return to Egypt.

Ezzat Rabah, one of the four Palestinians who publicly admitted assassinating e-Tel in November, 1971 on the doorstep, of Cairo's Sheraton Hotel, said, "We hope to leave but we don't expect to be permitted to go immediately." He added the four would return to face trial should they be requested to do so.

The four were released from jail on \$2,300 bail last spring for lack of sufficient evidence.

The semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said last February, before their release, that according to a medical report, the bullets which killed e-Tel had not been fired from any of the weapons carried by the four Palestinians.

Arab warning on Belgian-Israel plane factory

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — Mohammed Mahgoub, commissioner-general of the Arab Boycott of Israel, on Tuesday warned against an attempt by Israel Aircraft Industries to set up an aircraft factory in co-operation with Belgium.

In a press statement, Mahgoub said trade between Belgium and the Arab countries was constantly increasing, and expressed the hope that Belgian officials "will strongly oppose this attempt in the interest of their country."

He called on Belgium to adopt "an equitable stand" over the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The commissioner-general said about 30 foreign firms had recently submitted documents to Arab Boycott offices indicating they had severed their commercial ties with Israel, and are seeking the re-establishment of trade relations with the Arab countries.

A month ago informed sources in Liege, Belgium, said the Israeli company planned to invest \$30m. in a plant to build aircraft and electronic equipment at Bierseet Airfield, near Liege.

In Jordan, officials sources said the Jordanian customs department has blacklisted 12 foreign firms and eight ships for violating the Arab boycott of Israel.

Turks begin trial of 188 leftists

ANKARA. — The largest mass trial in Turkey's crackdown on the left opened in converted barracks dormitory yesterday with the military prosecutor demanding jail terms of up to 15 years for 188 defendants.

One of the accused is Ankara University Assistant Professor Dogu Perincek, charged with being the ideological mastermind behind revolutionary leftist activity which disrupted Turkey before proclamation of martial law in April, 1972.

Mr. Perincek is accused of heading an underground organization called the "Revolutionary Peasant-Workers Party."

The party was believed to have ties with other extreme leftist groups including the "Turkish People's Liberation Army," an urban terrorist group responsible for plane hijackings, bombings, bank robberies, and the kidnap-murders of Israel Consul-General Ephraim Elrom diplomat and three British radar technicians.

Mr. Perincek and 26 others, when asked their profession in yesterday's opening trial session, answered, "revolutionary communist."

The defendants are mostly university students. They include nine university instructors, and several artists, school teachers and workers.

Another mass trial of leftists is expected to open soon in Istanbul with about 435 defendants. A military movie theatre has been remodelled to handle the proceedings.

More than 4,300 people — left and right-wing sympathizers — have appeared before military courts since martial law was imposed in 11 provinces in April, 1971, amid mounting terrorism and student unrest. (AP, Reuters)



Italian actress Sophia Loren and her son, Eduardo, in the Generali clinic where he was born yesterday. It is the second child of the actress and her husband, producer Carlo Ponti. (AP radiophoto)

Iranian copter forced down inside Iraq

BEIRUT (Reuters). — An Iranian military helicopter was forced to land in Iraqi territory yesterday, Baghdad Radio reported.

The helicopter landed in the Mandali border area, northeast of Baghdad, it said.

The broadcast added that the crew were being interrogated; it did not disclose their number.

It did not explain the circumstances of the helicopter's landing in Iraq.

Unions revolt against British wage freeze

LONDON. — Major airports and government offices throughout Britain were brought to a standstill yesterday when thousands of civil servants staged the first big union revolt against Prime Minister Edward Heath's wage freeze.

The nationwide protest hit close to home for Mr. Heath: His Cabinet office at 10 Downing Street was out of action for several hours while 140 clerks walked out. They later handed in a protest letter demanding Heath lift the freeze. But official said the 90-day curb on wages and prices, which expires February 27, will be extended until the end of April.

As the rebel civil servants, members of two unions which represent 400,000 government employees, in their protest, Britons were threatened with a cutoff in gas supply when the normally moderate General and Municipal Workers' Union ordered its 42,000 members in the industry not to work over the starting January 17, to protest the freeze.

Thousands of airline passengers at British airports faced long delays as 2,000 air traffic controllers, customs and immigration officers, administrative staff — all civil servants — staged a three-hour stoppage.

Some 60 flights were delayed at London's Heathrow Airport as the sands of passengers lined up at manned immigration checkpoints.

Pan-American airline official said "Most of our passengers are somewhere in the departure hall."

The massive pillars of the Royal Museum were plastered with posters proclaiming "Civil servants demand fair play on pay." The Museum is closed and security tightened to guard its treasures during the walk out. (AP, UPI)

HEYKAL. — A party of Egyptian journalists, led by "Al-Ahram" editor Mohammed Hassan Bey, was honoured yesterday at a banquet in Peking, given by Chinese journalists. The Egyptian journalists are visiting the Chinese capital on the invitation of the Chinese press.

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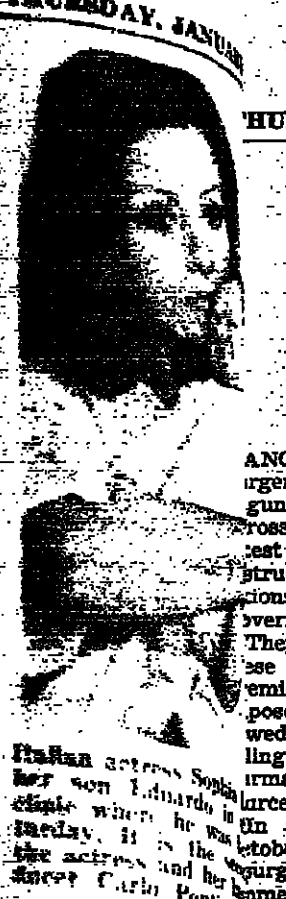
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Burma acts against rebels

ANGON (UPI) — Burmese insurgents based in Thailand have gun infiltrating into Burma from across the border, armed with the latest automatic weapons and under instructions to destroy public installations in Rangoon and other towns, government sources say.

They say the insurgents are Burmese emigrants headed by former premier U Nu who is now in self-imposed exile in Bangkok. Nu has vowed to overthrow the Council of Union headed by U Ne Win, the current premier.

In a one-month period during October and November, nearly 70 insurgents were captured by Government forces after skirmishes in various parts of Burma, they said. The insurgents' drive against the Government began on September 23 when a group of 30 heavily armed men left the Thai town of Ranong for the border of Lower Burma in boats and landed three days later at Bogale township on the Irrawaddy River Delta, Rangoon officials say.

SKIRMISHES
In a series of skirmishes lasting days, Government forces split insurgents into small groups. Forty of them were captured, along with a considerable amount of arms, ammunition and explosives, officials said.

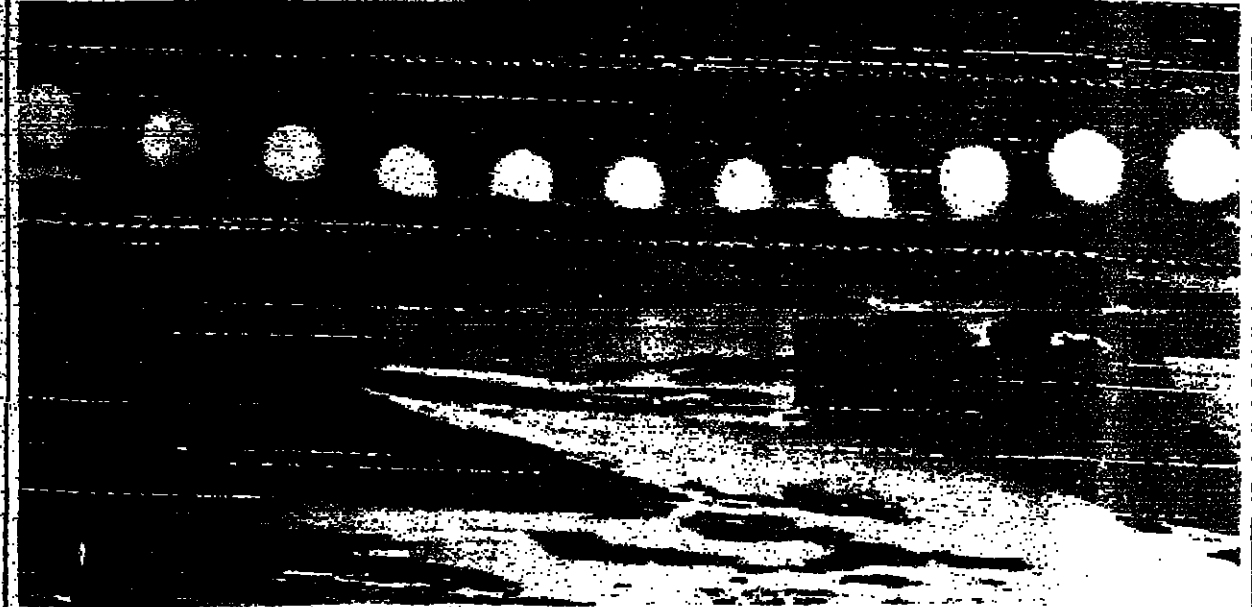
Government troops stormed a large group of insurgents at their camp on October 15 near Bhamo, in Eastern Burma, about 175 miles east of Rangoon. Eighteen were captured, and they later said their mission had been to carry out sabotage in Rangoon and in other towns near the Capital, officials reported.

At least 150 of the rebels crossed over the border into Burma on October 15 in the Pegu Hills area, but failed to receive any local support and a number of provisions, the officials said. Government forces drove them back across the border, they said.

EXPLOSIONS
A number of grenade explosions occurred in border towns but no injuries or casualties were reported. Captured insurgents said that their prime aim in entering Burma was to create as much confusion as possible in the towns through acts of sabotage, the officials said. Their targets were Government warehouses, mills, factories, the Burma Socialist Programme Party headquarters, an oil refinery, and a pipeline which supplies Rangoon from a reservoir 50 km south, according to the Rangoon officials.

Military spokesmen said the insurgents so far failed to obtain local support.

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THE SUN THAT NEVER SETS — This time-exposure photograph, taken at Japan's Showa base in Antarctica, shows the movement of the sun at the horizon to the south of the base, the camera's shutter was opened at 20 minute intervals. It is now midsummer in Antarctica. (AP radiophoto)

Denmark's premier is 'a man of the people'

By BOLAND HUNTERFORD
COPENHAGEN (Otago) — Premier Jens Otto Krag came to power in some odd ways; one of the oddest change-overs occurred recently in Denmark. Mr. Krag resigned on October 5, the day after the successful popular referendum that confirmed Danish membership of the European Economic Community, and nominated Mr. Anker Jorgensen to succeed him. Mr. Krag's resignation in victory, together with his choice of successor, was so unexpected that the Danes have not yet completely recovered from the surprise.

Mr. Jorgensen was completely outside the obvious hierarchy of power. He had never held a Government post and had only been a member of the Folketing (Parliament) since 1964.

Mr. Jorgensen describes himself as being "left of centre" of the Social Democratic Party. Mr. Krag belonged to the right wing. Although the change from the one to the other may seem peculiar in terms of party politics it was quite understandable. The E.E.C. referendum had divided the Social Democrats, almost 40 per cent of their supporters voting against the official party line of "yes" to Europe. These opponents were mostly trade unionists, and it was felt necessary that the avoidance of electoral defeat demanded a grand gesture of conciliation.

Mr. Jorgensen is a trade unionist to the marrow of his bones. He is also a confirmed "Scandinavian". Now 50 years old, he has worked for the labour movement since, at the age of 14, he was a messenger boy for his local union branch. In 1968 he was elected president of the Danish General Workers' Union, the largest trade union in Denmark with 260,000 members. Despite his position, he has publicly and consistently supported Denmark's Common Market mem-

A profile of one of the five Socialist premiers who have angered the French President by agreeing to visit Paris at the height of the election campaign.

bership in the teeth of his own union's opposition.

Whether or not Mr. Jorgensen will succeed in healing the divisions within his party remains to be seen. But in the short time that he has been Prime Minister, he has certainly succeeded in making his mark. At the recent Common Market summit in Paris he made a considerable impression with some forthright speeches and a no-nonsense attitude.

At home, he is well on the way to becoming a controversial figure. He is cultivating informality in official life in a way that some Danes find admirable and others not far from aggressive.

He does not like people rising from their seats "just because I've come in." He drew upon himself the castigation of the Danish Press by saying publicly on the night of the American Presidential election that he hoped Senator George McGovern would win. It was felt that this was too close to the part of a Prime Minister, especially in regard to a friendly country.

Most Danes, however, even Mr. Jorgensen's political opponents, are willing to accept these incidents as part of the business of learning to be in office. It is accepted that, never having been in the Cabinet before becoming Prime Minister, and with limited parliamentary experience, he must be given time to settle down.

He is faced, however, with considerable opposition to his social policies, the most radical of which is one that goes under the name of "economic democracy, a device to spread the ownership of industry.

In foreign affairs, Mr. Jorgensen is less contentious. He supports the Western Alliance and Denmark's membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; he wants the Common Market — and Danish membership — to be a success. He has ambitions to make some kind of impact on the way that the E.E.C. is run.

How far he will be allowed to preside over this process is another open question. In parliamentary terms, his party is in the minority. In order to govern, he depends upon the extreme left-wing Socialist People's Party. Even with its support, he commands a majority of precisely one.

It is the general feeling that he will be forced to go to the country by the spring of next year. And the result is very much open to question. The return of a three-party non-Socialist coalition Government is on the cards.

Whatever his political future, Mr. Jorgensen has at least demonstrated considerable resilience. He is a rough diamond, and this is the root of both his strength and weaknesses. He has lived up to Danish politics, which is presumably a useful thing to have done.

It is also possible that he has taken the Scandinavian prediction for a man of the people in high places a considerable distance on the path to fulfillment. A Swedish reporter wrote of him that "it is possible that in Mr. Jorgensen we will see the first, folksy Scandinavian ruler. And I had the impression that I was in the presence of an honest man."

NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS ENTER CUP COMPETITION

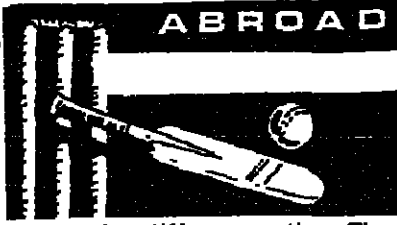
By PAUL KORN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — National League soccer teams enter the State cup competition this Saturday, and all 13 games on the Sportoto coupon feature a National League club playing against a League A or B team. The obvious forecast is team to win, but Toto players have learnt to their cost the dangers of such automatic following of form.

The first match on the coupon might well result in a surprise. Haifa Maccabi meet Acre Hapoel. The Haifa team has been in good form in recent matches, but still shows weakness in attack, having scored only 16 goals in 17 League matches. Acre Hapoel have done a little better, with 21 goals in 15 games, though these have been against League A defenses. Haifa Maccabi tends to take it easy against "easy" opposition, which it should not do if it aims to win.

This Cup game without a replay. League A leaders Hadera Hapoel will be back at Bloomfield to meet Tel Aviv Betar. The Tel Avivians have scored only 17 goals in League matches compared with Hadera's 36 goals. Hadera Hapoel are intent on returning to the National League and appear a cut above the others in the Second Division. They look capable of holding Betar to a draw.

Tel Aviv Maccabi is at home to Ramat Gan Hapoel, the second highest scorers in League A with 28 goals. The Ramat Gan forwards will place in the next round.



ABROAD

against the stiffer opposition. They might just manage to surprise the Maccabi defence, and a draw forecast should be a saver.

The trickiest game on the card is that between Holon Hapoel, leaders of the Southern division of League A, and Beersheba Hapoel who last week scored a fine 3:0 win over Haifa Hapoel. On that form one could hardly fancy Holon Hapoel. However, that is not the form Beersheba Hapoel have shown in earlier away games, and I feel an ambitious Holon XI, playing before their own fans, can shock the Beershebas.

At the YMCA Stadium in the Capital, Jerusalem Betar entertains Yahud Hapoel. The League A side is having a most successful season and is only within three points of the leaders. Yahud have scored 26 goals, more than any other side in the League A. South but their forwards face a greatly improved Jerusalem Betar defence. It is doubtful if Yahud can find the net more than once in Jerusalem, and Betar only have to return to the form they showed two weeks ago in beating Tel Aviv Betar 3:1 on this ground, to be sure of its place in the next round.

Hakoah and Jerusalem Hapoel do not appear on the Sportoto coupon, but the other leaders of the National League seem to have safe games. Tel Aviv Hapoel are at home to Ramle Betar, with Jaffa Maccabi at home to Ramle Hapoel. It looks like the end of the road for the Ramle teams. Petah Tikva Maccabi plays away against League B combination Beisan Hapoel, which has returned surprise wins in order to get this far in the State Cup competition.

Haifa Hapoel plays against North Tel Aviv Hapoel of League B, and will have to improve on its showing against Beersheba last week in order to be certain of its place in the next round.

Four persons marked all 13 games correctly in the last week's football pool, each collecting IL167,000. Forty-six coupons had 12 correct results each worth IL4,000. Eleven results will win IL280 and 10 will be worth IL36. A minimum of IL500,000 will be paid out after this week's games, the Sports Betting Council announced.

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RECORDERS FOR THEN AND NOW

"Renaissance and Modern" — Madrigal Group, conducted by Zoltan Zeczevich; "Laron" — Recorder Ensemble, led by Shlomo Tidhar; the Jerusalem Brass Quintet; Gila Yaros, soprano; Yosef Yerushalmi, guitar (Israel Museum, Jerusalem-January 6); G. Gabrielli; S. Rosal; P. de Palestina; E. Jahn; J. Dewband; Th. Norf; W. Byrd; T. Grevas; J. Sheetham; J. Graves; F. Poulens; P. Menah; H. Villa-Lobos; C. Nouzeard.

SELOMO Tidhar is an expert on recorders who makes music for its own sake and for the entertainment and enjoyment of the listener, without stunts or sensations. He succeeds beautifully. The choice of participants guaranteed a good standard of presentation, the interplay between the various instrumental groups and the vocal renditions provided ever-fresh impressions and well-designed contrasts, and the music was far from familiar. It was a most pleasant and refreshing experience, sincere and warm in intention and relaxing in its atmosphere of culture and dedicated rendition.

Tidhar led his recorder quintet with a sure hand, and the soft music poured forth from the various instruments endearingly. The Jerusalem Brass Quintet (all members of the Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra) contributed three pieces from their large repertoire in

splendid balance and perfect execution. The chamber choir — a group of 10 singers — needs more men for balance and better assimilation of voices but it did quite well in six settings ranging from Gabrieli to Peter Menin, an American born in 1923, whose neo-romantic music fit in quite well.

That not all contemporary writing is necessarily "modern" was also demonstrated in the second half of the programme. Gila Yaros sang two solo songs by old English John Dowland with good voice though little expression. Yosef Yerushalmi served as accompanist to the singer and to two recorders, but he showed his real gift in three solo pieces — Preludes and Etudes by Hector

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Villa-Lobos — which he performed with musical understanding and perfect technical resources, giving full expression to the emotional content of the music with right emphasis on the rhythmic accents.

The same programme, with slight cuts, was given the next afternoon for young people. Tidhar explained the programme and its intentions, and the many questions asked by the young listeners in the interval showed the great interest evoked. The artists gave all of their best to this promising audience as they did the night before.

Full marks to Tidhar and the Israel Museum for this programme, which is intended as the beginning of a series.

IL6m. for Jerusalem road safety

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A total of IL6m. will be spent on promoting road safety in Jerusalem over the next three years, Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yacoby announced on Tuesday. The programme is to be financed jointly by the ministry and the Jerusalem Municipality.

The decision was made at a meeting between Mr. Yacoby, members of the City Council, Police and Mr. Arieh Weinstein, chairman of the Jerusalem branch of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents. The meeting was called largely as a result of a recent report commissioned by the safety council, which disclosed severe shortcomings in traffic precautions in the Capital.

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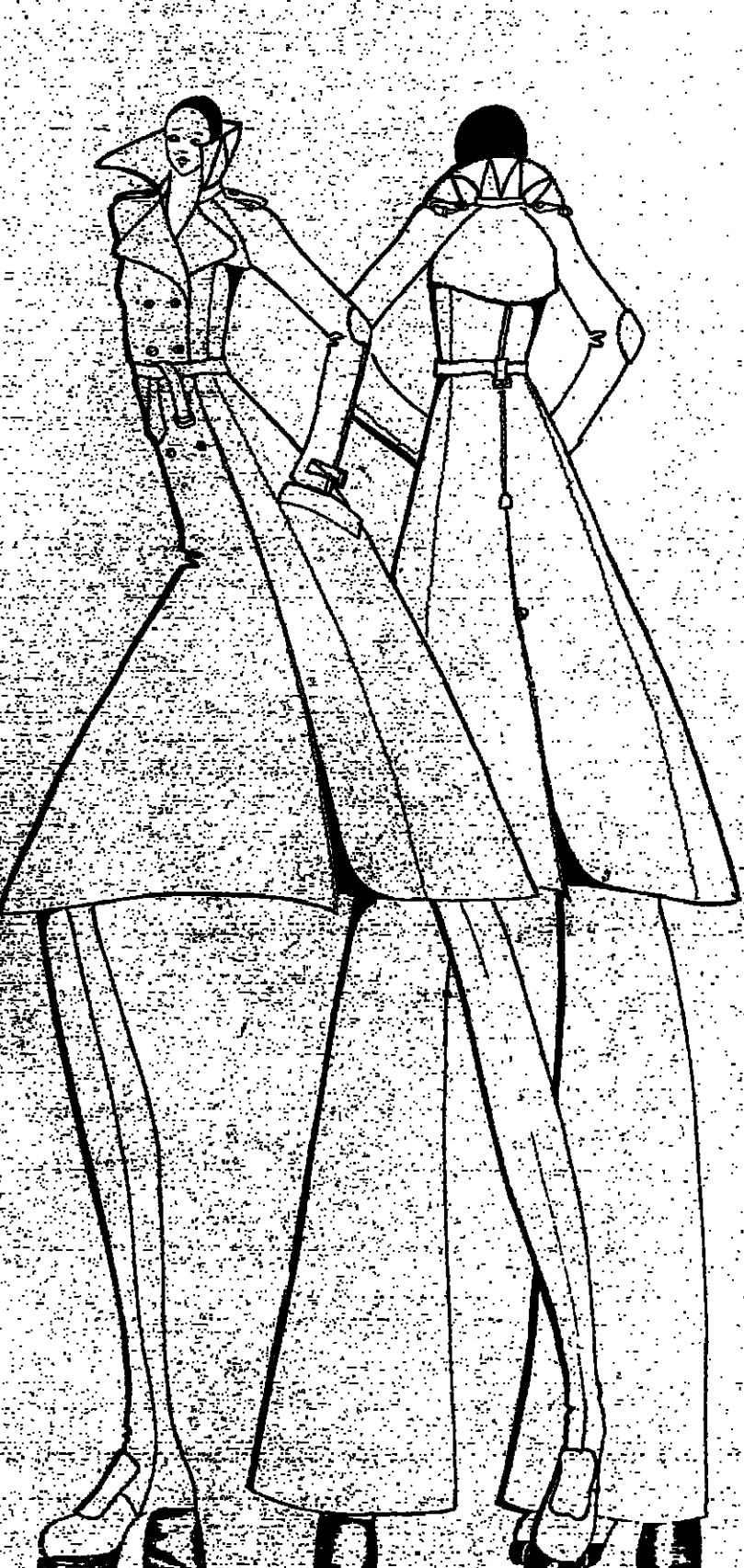


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Mr. POMPIDOU'S PIQUE

IT is no secret that the international travels and meetings of government leaders and would-be leaders are often conducted with an eye to internal politics, particularly around election time.

Thus when French President Georges Pompidou on Tuesday displayed his resentment at the forthcoming Socialist International meeting in Paris, he himself was asked about the timing of his visit to the Soviet Union today for meetings with Leonid Brezhnev.

The Russians, satisfied with their relations with the Pompidou government, as they were with that of President de Gaulle, are apparently more keen on keeping the Gaullists in power than they are to support the aspirations of the Socialist-Communist bloc led by François Mitterrand.

The Moscow leaders were in any case angered by Mitterrand's snub last year when he cancelled a visit to the Soviet Union to protest the treatment of Russian Jews. They want to deepen their cooperation with the Gaullists in efforts to hamper American influence in Europe and they will give Pompidou's visit distinguished treatment, as compared to the saccharine reception accorded French Communist leader Georges Marchais during his visit to the Soviet Union.

Such manoeuvres are part of an intricate political game in which the distinctions between foreign policy and domestic politics can never be clearly maintained.

The game is universally recog-

nized and most nations and their leaders — whether hosts or visitors — respond by maintaining an outward posture of good grace and neutrality. This is true when European politicians call at the White House at a discreet interval before elections in their countries, or in our case when U.S. Senators, Congressmen and presidential aspirants stop here, as part of the now traditional tour of Israel, Ireland and Italy.

Mr. Pompidou's public display of pique at the Socialist conference, and the advantages that may accrue to Mr. Mitterrand as a departure from accepted diplomatic usage, which understands that whether the host or the visitor has domestic ends in mind, good form has to be maintained and these aims left unexploited, in order to prevent awkwardness.

That Mr. Pompidou lost his cool undoubtedly reflects the heat of the electoral contest to the French National Assembly. Given the strategic advantage of a president in power he could probably have turned the visits of Ministers of the Socialist Prime Minister to his favour by according them a welcome replete with meetings, smiles and photographs dominating the French media.

By taking the opposite unorthodox course he has caused unnecessary embarrassment not only to the visitors but to his own position — and probably enabled Mr. Mitterrand to collect some points.

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WEIZMAN'S DECISION

Ha'aretz (non-party), dealing with the controversy between Menachem Begin and Ezer Weizman, holds that Begin was unjustified in insisting upon total retreat, by Weizman. "Secondly," says the paper, "Ezer Weizman will have to decide whether he is prepared to settle for the lowly position which Begin and his adherents are prepared to allow him."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) on the

State Budget: "A balanced budget is undoubtedly an achievement under existing conditions. The question is, though, whether the balance will halt inflation and whether the promise of spending out money from the public will be successfully implemented. On the face of it, the budget is not sufficiently anti-inflationary and will not change the basic situation in the economy. The main fault is that it is not based on long-range economic policy."

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TERROR DANGER 'MUST INCREASE' IN RHODESIA

By ARTHUR L. GAVSHON

LONDON (AP). — Under Rhodesia's moonless sky on December 21, ragged-trousered raiders opened fire with rockets and bullets on Marc de Borchgrave's lonely farmstead in the Zambezi valley.

Two nights later the black guerrillas struck again, this time against neighbour Archie Daglish's place where the De Borchgraves had taken refuge.

Then, within a few hours, a jeepload of four Rhodesian soldiers taking part in a huge air-land search-and-destroy mission ran over a landmine planted in a dusty approach road.

The world's newest "Liberation army" was in action, complete with its own "Ho Chi Minh Trail" that meanders from base camps in neighbouring Mozambique to the sunbaked bushlands of north-eastern Rhodesia, 120 miles north of the capital, Salisbury.

Equipped also, so the Rhodesians say, with a modern armoury of weapons that comes from Russia or China.

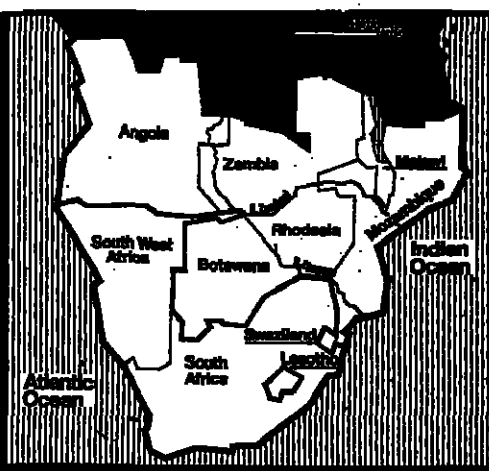
The Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army, ZANLA, has vowed to wrest Rhodesia which it calls Zimbabwe — from the grip of Premier Ian Smith's white minority government, a government which the United Nations has outlawed because it seized power illegally from Britain.

The British are following developments in the distant drama with high interest knowing the outcome could materially affect the role they still hope to play in the Central African colony that defied their authority.

British experts believe that the black guerrillas have a long way to go, and a lot to learn. Before they will be able to pose any real threat to Smith's forces. In eight years of sporadic campaigning they have achieved little to show for their efforts.

Yet authorities here acknowledge the danger is certain to increase as ZANLA improves its techniques and its links with neighbouring groups of "freedom fighters." The nearest and strongest of these are the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique, Frelimo.

Rhodesia has closed its border with Zambia following a series of guerrilla attacks. Here is the background to the move, as seen from London.



By ambushes, night raids, mining of roads and railroads Frelimo for years has bogged down tens of thousands of Portuguese troops. More than that. The scene of new fighting in north-eastern Rhodesia creates yet another front for the deployment of Smith's limited forces. Already he has 1,000 miles of frontier to defend. Backward against incursions from Frelimo units in Mozambique, north-westward against ZANLA raids from Zambia and southward where Rhodesia meets with Botswana. He is being helped by South African police units and he is pressing for ever fiercer action by Portuguese forces.

ARBITRATION

Readers' letters

EMBARRASSMENT

Strike laws don't help

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I see that you have a rash of strikes and threatened strikes. I also see that Mr. Begin believes that the solution is compulsory arbitration. Now, if Mr. Begin were to come to Australia, he'd be able to witness strikes in progress, and Australia has had compulsory arbitration for 30 years. Legalistic measures do not prevent strikes, but only encourages disputes. Only methods of conciliation and negotiation can lead to prevention of major strikes that cannot eliminate them completely.

Another way to prevent strikes is introducing worker participation in management. Once a worker has a say in the enterprise, he takes interest in its well-being.

A. HIRSCHORN

Best St. Kilda, Australia,

December 28.

Keeping fit on the boss' time

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Philip Gillon's interview of Dr. Rusklin and Mr. Oran (December 29) was very much to the point, as it stressed how much our general population underestimates the importance of physical exercise. There were many commendable suggestions which might improve the situation.

In my opinion, one suggestion was regrettably missing from this article, namely, organized physical exercise during work. This has nothing to do with competitive plant teams (mainly soccer), nor with the opportunity to play ball during the lunch break, nor even much with plant teams at the end of the day. March. What we are referring to are five minutes of gymnastics at the place of work, done once or twice daily under the guidance of one of the workers, as is the custom in offices in Sweden, among farm workers in Japan and at the work bench in Eastern Europe.

The preconditions for realizing this proposal are that management should agree to give five or 10 minutes of during work time, that potential leaders should be trained in simple exercises and that the working and general population should catch the "bug."

Five minutes of physical exercise at work will improve physical and mental health, will favourably influence production and contribute to the spread of popular sports.

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Tel Aviv, January 1.

RAFAH SETTLEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — From your report, "Immigrants to settle at new Rafah centre" (December 26), it would appear that the Jewish Agency is to implement the settlement of new immigrants at the planned Rafah regional centre. This is not correct.

OUTRAGEOUS VISIT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Reading your dry report on the visit to Israel of former I.O.S. chief, Bernard Cornfield (January 3) brings to mind the saying: "In the era before the coming of the Messiah, he will flourish." How dare the man show his face in our country, where he harmed thousands of people who bought I.O.S. shares to the tune of approximately 12 million dollars?

It is to be hoped that this visit to the Holy Land will prod Barney Cornfield's conscience and that he will agree to meet representatives of the holders of I.O.S. shares in order to settle his debt and thus restore his good name in Israel.

DAVID BELIN

Tel Aviv, January 3.

Newcomer's complaint

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am a new immigrant who arrived in Israel in August 1970 and therefore the new regulations will affect my rights for only one month. It is therefore only for my benefit that I wish to register a complaint.

The entire process of resettling, finding living premises in a new country, making new social contacts, finding work, learning a new language, etc., is a very difficult period of adjustment. All the problems that are encountered upon arrival and during the initial few years cannot possibly be foreseen when the decision to come on aliyah is made.

The new Western immigrant finds that the prices of apartments are exorbitant, salaries are limited because of the tax structure, prices of things that he took for granted in the country of his origin are outrageously high in Israel (cars, clothing, appliances, furniture, etc.), and he cannot possibly maintain a standard of living anywhere near the standard that he left. Much as he wants to remain in Israel, financially he cannot make ends meet and, as a result, a very large percentage of Western immigrants returns dissatisfied and bitter.

Nobody ever explains to the potential immigrant before he comes on aliyah that, should he buy a car once he has been in the country for two years, it would cost him the equivalent of two years' salary for the lowest priced car available because of taxes. In the United States a new car would cost at the most three months' salary. Nobody tells an immigrant that he will have to pay 18 per cent interest for a bank loan or wait three years for a telephone.

The list is endless.

Now with the new regulations, he cannot even receive a package of personal items from his family abroad for his initial period in Israel without paying customs. He will now have to pay customs and purchase taxes if he wants Jewish furniture or English appliances, if these are not the countries of his origin. And the explanation for the limitation of immigrants' privileges is to curtail illegal exploitation of immigrants' tax benefits.

Unfortunately, the true statistics on the rate of Western immigrants returning to the countries of their origin is never published. But nobody will convince me that this already high statistic will not increase after July 1 when the new regulations take effect.

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